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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments, where they appear in the search report, which relate to pertinent portions of the respective documents.

European Patent Publication No. 0 933 033 A2 (SPORTIVA SPA), published on August 4, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-8 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of EP '033 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: paragraphs 0009-0016 and Figs. 1-3.

German Patent (Gebrauchsmuster) No. 91 00 662 U (HANWAG HANS WAGNER KG), published on May 23, 1991, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 and 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application, and as being a document that is pertinent in combination with other documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 4 and 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of DE '662 is cited in the search report as being pertinent.

European Patent Publication No. 0 711 517 A1 (HARTJES GMBH), published on May 15, 1996, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with other documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 4 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of EP '033 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 3, lines 41-57, and Fig. 1.

German Patent (Gebrauchsmuster) No. 87 08 280 U (WERNER REBER), published on October 29, 1987, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with other documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of DE '280 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 7, line 1, to page 8, line 26, and Figs. 1-3.

French Patent Publication No. 2 802 781 (SKIS ROSSIGNOL SA), published on June 29, 2001, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly

pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-8 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of FR '781 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 5, line 6, to page 6, line 10, and Figs. 1 and 2.

International Patent Publication No. WO 02/08148 (TECNICA SPA), published on October 31, 2002, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of WO '148 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 3, line 4, to page 4, line 20, and Fig. 2.

European Patent Publication No. 0 748 596 A1 (NORDICA SPA), published on December 18, 1996, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 and 5 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of EP 596 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 3, line 11, to column 4, line 27, and Fig. 1.

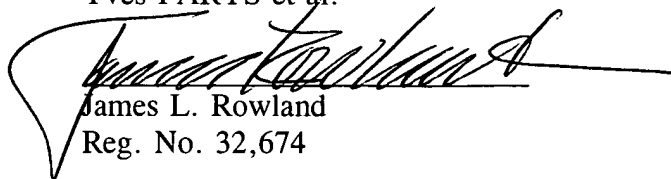
U.S. Patent No. 6,000,148 (CRETINON), issued on December 14, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-3 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The following parts of US '148 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 4, line 53, to column 5, line 48, and Fig. 1.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned patents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of each of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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